


THE TIME ALLOWED PER NON-AGENDA ITEM FOR COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC IS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. The City Council cannot deliberate or take any action on a non-agenda item unless there is factual evidence presented to the City Council indicating that the subject brought up by the public does fall into one of the exceptions under Government Code Section 54954.2 in that (a) there is an emergency situation. or (b) the need to take action on the item arose subsequent to the agenda's being Posted. Unless the City Council is presented with this factual evidence, the City Council will refer the matter for review and placement on a future City Council agenda.



Steve Jarrett, Vice Chair of the Lodi Improvement Committee (LIC), read a prepared letter (filed) by LIC Chair Bob Takeuchi regarding the establishment of an Eastside Summit for the improvement and funding of the infrastructure, appearance, and private investment into Lodi's eastside and requesting the appointment of a City Council representative to work with LIC on this effort. Mr. Jarrett requested the matter be placed on a future Council agenda.

Suga Moriwaki distributed to Council a booklet prepared by the San Joaquin Historian regarding Lodi's Japantown and further provided a brief history of Lodi's Japanese community. Ms. Moriwaki requested that the City consider including an historical time line on its Website to include the diverse ethnic communities in Lodi, which have contributed greatly to the culture and economics of this City.

Louise Fassio distributed information regarding rebates for synthetic turf (filed) and urged Council to consider offering such a program in Lodi. In response to Mayor Hansen, Ms. Fassio confirmed that she is involved with the installation of synthetic turf and works for Valley Landscaping and Maintenance. To date, the company has completed four projects in Lodi.

Ann Cerney expressed concern regarding the suggestion of synthetic turf, stating that groundwater is recharged by seepage of rain from the water table and any covering that impedes that process should be taken into consideration.

G. Comments by the City Council Members on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Johnson commented on a recent meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, at which the Board discussed the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Several disparaging comments were made about the City of Lodi and its decision to become an entitlement city, which puts the City outside of the County's control of CDBG funds, and he expressed disappointment in the implications that were made.

Council Member Mounce announced that the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission will once again host Teen Lead, which helps foster leadership for young people in Lodi. She provided application packets to each Council Member and encouraged them to share the information. Anyone wishing to participate or be a sponsor was encouraged to contact the Lodi Youth Commission at 333-6800x2424. Ms. Mounce further reminded Council that the upcoming League of California Cities meeting will be held on June 11 at Wine and Roses; guest speaker will be California State Controller John Chiang. Steven Qualls, League of California Cities representative, added that due to the generosity of local sponsors there will be no charge for dinner.

Council Member Hitchcock requested that the Council decision to install synthetic turf at the Grape Bowl be agendaized for reconsideration. Since the action was taken, she has received further information and feedback and is uncomfortable with the decision that was made. Ms. Hitchcock requested a more detailed report regarding synthetic turf be provided to Council to include cost, cost savings, and any controversy.

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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To: Lodi City Council

Your Lodi Improvement Committee (LIC) respectfully requests your approval and support of our establishment of an Eastside Summit for the improvement and funding of the infrastructure, appearance and private investment into Lodi's eastside and your active involvement in the planning and implementation of such Eastside Forum through your appointment of a City Council representative or representatives to work closely with us and to assist us through the City's staff and assets. We feel this is particularly timely and of particular importance with the recent failure of Measure W at the polls and the tough economic times that our entire Lodi community faces. Specifically, the LIC is asking that the City Council endorse the Eastside Summit, that the LIC be designated as its facilitator, that the City Council appoint a Councilmember(s) to work directly with the LIC to plan for and implement this Eastside Summit, and that the foregoing items be placed on the City Council agenda for one of its next meetings.

In this Eastside Summit, the LIC hopes to reach out to the entire Lodi community for valuable input on what is needed to improve our Eastside and how funds can be generated to finance same. Then, as specific needs are recognized and specific proposals are adopted, we plan to form sub-groups to formulate specific plans to resolve these issues. Clearly, we intend this to embrace the best parts of community activism so that the people of Lodi will be able to participate directly in the dramatic improvement of their City.

We hope to work closely with the Lodi News-Sentinel, the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, other community groups and organizations, and the City itself, and we urge your important individual and collective support of this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Takeuchi, Chair
Lodi Improvement Committee